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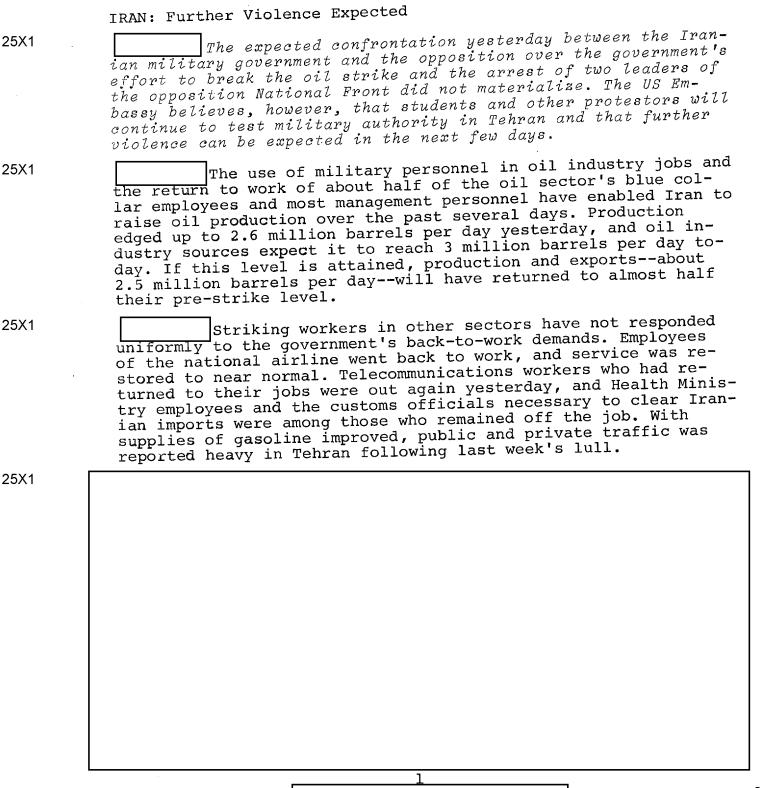
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## LEBANON: Military Developments 25X1 //Lebanon's right-wing Phalange Party reportedly has begun to implement plans to expand its militia and to emphasize training on artillery and antitank weapons and in mountain warfare. The new steps strongly suggest that the Christians expect the Syrians to mount attacks into the mountainous Christian heartland in any future fighting. There were exchanges of machinegun, rocket, and mortar fire in Beirut last weekend, but the city was generally calm yesterday. The Maronites and the Palestinians are engaging in an extensive search for solutions to their major differences.// 25X1 Christian militias used artillery systematically for 25X1 the first time in the fighting around Beirut early last month. While they apparently had some effect, the fact that they were positioned north of Beirut gave the Syrians a pretext for shelling villages in the Maronite heartland, most of which had not been drawn into the fighting since the civil war. 25X1 Should another round of clashes erupt, the Syrians may well step up efforts to carry the fighting further into the Maronite heartland. The militias probably believe the use of artillery and antitank weapons is necessary to raise the cost of any new fighting to the Syrians. 25X1

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concerned nite milit at Army un matters to	Phalange militia chief Bashir Jumayyil, besides pre- r possible renewed fighting with the Syrians, is also that the Lebanese Army will be used against the Maro- tias. Bashir probably ordered recent attacks aimed both nits and at government officials concerned with defense o demonstrate his disapproval of any attempt to use the
Army to c	rack down on the militias.
urged par supported pand its	hir's brother, Amin, has criticized these tactics and ty chief Pierre Jumayyil to rein in Bashir. Pierre has the government's plan to rebuild the Army and to ex- security role, but he has also been reluctant to dis- ir's militant policies.
month, an private t	Amin and Fatah official Salah Khalaf met openly last d representatives of the two groups have held several alks over the past few weeks.
represent objection sue is se Organizat trying to through;	Pierre Jumayyil and National Liberal Party chief hamun met separately on Friday with two Palestinian atives. Shamun said after the meeting that he has no to a Palestinian presence in Lebanon "until their isttled." A Fatah official said the Palestine Liberation ion had not authorized the meeting, but he was probably keep all options open in case the dialogue falls the Palestinians are not likely to have attended the without Fatah's approval.
ments. bu	The meetings have so far produced no substantive agree at they have eased the hostility between the two groups.

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### FRANCE-NATO: Disarmament Session

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//An unpublicized session of the North Atlantic

Council last Thursday produced no consensus on the French proposal for a European disarmament conference, the centerpiece of the disarmament initiative announced by President Giscard in January. The Council is slated to reconsider the proposal early next year. The French emphasized their desire to hold a conference preparatory meeting sometime in 1979.//

//While the Allies welcomed Paris' increased interest in arms control negotiations, a number of them joined the US in expressing misgivings over the proposed conference, particularly its relationship to the East-West force reduction talks in Vienna and to the periodic reviews of compliance with the Helsinki agreement. The West Germans provided qualified but important support for the French proposal, saying the conference scheme and the Vienna negotiations were not incompatible.//

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